

The Board met in Executive Session Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:24 p.m. with the following members present: Freeholder Rick Gardner, Freeholder Angelo Accetturo, County Counsel Joseph J. Bell, Esq. and County Administrator Steve Marvin.

Brief discussion was held on each of the following matters:

PERMANENTLY REDACTED AS TO SUBJECT: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PER N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(4):

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(2) *Matters Relating to Employment Relationship:* Items to be discussed include: Stipend recommendation for Finance Department employees.

A recommendation from CFO Pete Houck to increase Finance Department employees' stipends based on additional duties concerning PRMUA was discussed. The Board will approve a memorializing resolution at the next Regular Meeting.

(3) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and Attorney-Client Privilege:* Items to be discussed include: Report of hearing before A.J.S.C. Ciccone re: Court House Renovation Project; Correspondence from Highlands Council re: plan conformance, reimbursement of grant funds and demands for response.

Recent correspondence from the Highlands Council concerning Master Plan Conformance, their apparent withholding of grant reimbursements and their demand for response from the Board was discussed. As the consensus is that Governor Christie is likely to "sweep clean" the council and staff, the Board will take no further action at this time.

Mr. Marvin noted that on the agenda for the January 16, 2010 Budget Meeting are resolutions for contract with Ray O'Brien for Northeast Branch Library architectural services and with TuWay for services re: 911 system upgrades. The contract with Barry Isett for Library Headquarters site plan review will be on the agenda for the Budget Meeting of January 23, 2010 due to their late submission of required paperwork.

Brief discussions were held concerning the vacancies in the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds and the impending vacancy in the Warden's position. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Accetturo are inclined to consider Alex Lazorisak for the Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds' position. Mr. Marvin will discuss with Mr. Chamberlain upon his return. Recruitment of a replacement Warden was authorized utilizing trade websites, League of Municipality website, etc.

A request from the Warren County New Jersey Tea Party Patriots for use of County property for a rally was discussed with respect to their belief that they should be provided a waiver from insurance requirements. Mr. Bell will discuss with Morris County Counsel O'Mullen as a similar event was reviewed at length in Morristown a few years ago.

Brief discussion was held concerning the necessity for two appointments to the Library Commission, impending PRMUA appointments and a PCFA reappointment.

On motion by Mr. Accetturo, seconded by Mr. Gardner, the Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

Recorded Vote: Mr. Accetturo yes, Mr. Chamberlain absent, Mr. Gardner yes